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SUBJECT: LOS - POSSIBLE VISIT TO MOSCOW OF PROFESSOR
BERNARD OXMAN
REF: STATE 158947

1. SINCE MY RETURN FROM A BRIEF HOLIDAY I HAVE BEEN GIVING
FURTHER THOUGHT TO A POSSIBLE VISIT TO MOSCOW BY PROFESSOR
OXMAN AND ITS TIMING. IDEALLY IT WOULD BE MOST PRODUCTIVE
IF HE WERE ABLE TO SEE KHLESTOV. REGARDING TIMING, OUR
ASSUMPTION IS THAT KHLESTOV WILL LEAVE MOSCOW FOR BUENOS
AIRES FOR THE ANTARCTICA MEETINGS SOMEWHERE AROUND JULY 11.
THIS WOULD MEAN THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO ACCELERATE OUR PLANS.
I HOPE THEREFORE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO LET
ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER A MEETING WITH KHLESTOV
BEFORE HE GOES TO BUENOS AIRES WILL BE POSSIBLE. IF,
BECAUSE HIS PREPARATIONS FOR BUENOS AIRES AND EARLY DEPAR-
TURE APPEAR TO RULE OUT KHLESTOV SEEING OXMAN IN MOSCOW
BEFORE THE RUSSIAN SUMMER HOLIDAYS, I WOULD WANT TO REVIEW
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THE IDEA OF SENDING BERNIE, ALTHOUGH MY INCLINATION IS TO
SEND HIM IN ANY EVENT AS LONG AS HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE
KOZYREV AND KOLOSOVSKY.

2. AS SUGGESTED IN STATE 150181, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR
YOU TO ALERT KOZYREV AND/OR KOLOSOVSKY ABOUT A POSSIBLE
OXMAN VISIT. IN DOING SO, I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HEDGE

AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY WE WILL NOT WANT TO SEND HIM IF
KHLESTOV CANNOT SEE HIM. THEREFORE I SUGGEST THAT YOU BE
SOMEWHAT TENTATIVE ABOUT THE OXMAN VISIT AND SAY THAT WE
ARE NOT SURE WHETHER OXMAN CAN MAKE THE TRIP IN VIEW OF
HIS TEACHING SCHEDULE AT STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, BUT WE SEE
UTILITY IN HIS VISITING MOSCOW BEFORE THE END OF JULY. IN
ANY EVENT, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE THEIR REACTION TO AN
OXMAN VISIT SO THAT WE CAN MAKE FINAL JUDGMENT IN THE LIGHT
OF KHLESTOV'S AVAILABILITY.

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